

THE RULE OF LAW PILLAR OF DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY

June 26, 2024 Hotel Grande Bretagne



AMERICAN-HELLENIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

AGENDA

10.00 **REGISTRATION**

10.30 WELCOME ADDRESSES

Elias Spirtounias, *Executive Director, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce* **Nikolaos Bakatselos,** *President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce*

10.40 INTRODUCTION

John Kyriakides, Managing Partner, Kyriakides Georgopoulos Law Firm and President of the Legislative Reforms Committee

10.50 KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Ioanna Klapa-Christodoulea, President, Supreme Civil and Criminal Court of Greece, Areios Pagos **Dimitrios Vervesos**, President, Athens Bar Association

11.10 THE RULE OF LAW AS A FACTOR OF GROWTH

The effectiveness of justice is inextricably linked to economic growth and the attraction of investments. The need for constant and material reforms. The Greek state has a duty to respond and rapidly adopt modern solutions and substantial changes that will resolve chronic pathologies such as inflexibility, bureaucracy, non-adaptability and slowness in the administration of justice in our country, which ranks very low in this area both at European and international level.

Anna Mani-Papadimitriou, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Development and Investments Konstantinos Koussoulis, Vice President, Council of State Hara Nikolopoulou, Vice President, Hellenic Competition Commission Maria Gavouneli, Professor, Faculty of Law, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens and Director General, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy Π Moderator Ioanna Mandrou, Journalist

12.00 ONE TO ONE CONVERSATION WITH THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL OF PHILIP MORRIS

Yann Guérin, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Philip Morris International Inc. Ioannis Stavropoulos, Managing Partner, Stavropoulos & Partners Law Office

12.20 INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION, MEDIATION AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION METHODS

Methods of out-of-court resolution (ADR) for private disputes and their impact versus traditional courtroom litigation. Is it ultimately a solution for a viable and mutually satisfactory settlement of a commercial dispute? Does the established mediation framework contribute effectively or is it a factor of further delay? Address problems relating to the stipulation of the Mandatory Initial Mediation Session as a prerequisite for the admissible hearing of the case before civil courts.

Charalambos Macheras, Justice of the Hellenic Supreme Court ad h., International Arbitrator, ICC & LCIA, Accredited Mediator Greece & England Nicholas Moussas, Founder & Managing Partner, Moussas & Partners Law Firm Vicky Kriketou, Partner, Kyriakides Georgopoulos Law Firm Claire Sergaki, Senior Associate, Dryllerakis & Associates Moderator Dimitrios Tsikrikas, Professor, Law School, University of Athens

13.10 LUNCH





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14.10 JUSTICE, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND INNOVATION

Technology in the service of Justice. The importance and the role it can play and how it can contribute to accelerate the decision making process. The progress of the digitisation projects in the justice system in our country and the need for further modernisation. The use of AI as a tool for the efficiency of the justice system. The new European Parliament regulation on AI, ensuring the security and compliance of fundamental human rights while boosting innovation.

Konstantinos Kyranakis, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Digital Governance Ioannis Emiris, President of the BoD and Director General, Athena Research Center Stavros Asthenidis, Chief Executive Officer, Information Society S.A. Eugenia Bozou, Head of Government Affairs & Public Policy, Google Greece, Cyprus & Malta Moderators Mina Zoulovits, Partner, Zoulovits-Kontogeorgou Law Firm

Nikolaos Bregiannos, Partner, Bregiannos Law Firm

15.10 ONE TO ONE CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT OF CEPEJ

Justice Francesco Depasquale, President, European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ) John Kyriakides, Managing Partner, Kyriakides Georgopoulos Law Firm and President of the Legislative **Reforms** Committee

15.30 THE JUDGES AND LAWYERS PERSPECTIVE

This session will focus on facilitating a dialogue among legal professionals, including judges and lawyers, aimed at sharing perspectives and brainstorming on reforms necessary to enhance the effectiveness of the Greek judicial system.

Christoforos Linos, Judge at the Court of Appeal, Chairman of the Three-Member-Board of the First Instance Court of Athens

Dr. jur. Dimitris Tsibanoulis, adj. Professor for Banking Law, Piraeus University & Managing Partner, Tsibanoulis & Partners Law Firm

Spyridon Tsantinis, Professor of Civil Procedure Law, Democritus University of Thrace Androniki Theotokatou, President, Hellenic Single Public Procurement Authority Dimitrios Pyrgakis, Judge, Council of State Moderator

Vassilis Constantinidis, Senior Partner, Dryllerakis & Associates

16.20 COFFEE BREAK

16.40 ONE TO ONE CONVERSATION WITH THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF JUSTICE

Panos Alexandris, General Secretary of Justice, Ministry of Juctice Eleftheria Kollia, Journalist

17.00 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE: ENABLER OF THE RULE OF LAW IN BUSINESS ACTIVITY

Great corporations are built not only on their business performance, but also on the values and principles that they adopt through their activity. Non-financial reporting and the prerogative of sustainability, diversity and inclusion, independence of Directors, fit and proper test, evaluation of Board performance, due diligence and accountability are aspects of corporate governance that come to play in order to create the proper organizational culture.

Natassa Stamou, Vice President, Hellenic Capital Market Committee Kakia Tzemou, General Counsel, Prodea Investments Venia Papathanasopoulou, Director Legal Affairs & Corporate Governance, Secretary to the BoD, Athens International Airport S.A. Thanos Papageorgakis, Chief Legal Officer, Hygeia Group Moderator John Apsouris, Group General Counsel, Hellenig Energy

17.50 CONCLUSIONS

John Kyriakides, Managing Partner, Kyriakides Georgopoulos Law Firm and President of the Legislative **Reforms** Committee

18.00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS GEORGE FLORIDIS, MINISTER OF JUSTICE

18.20 COCKTAIL RECEPTION